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THE WESTERN NEWSICIAN

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As promised in the Christmas issue of the NEWSICIAN, here is your second issue to help to bring you up-to-date on all of the happenings in your Western Music Department.

We trust that all of you had a busy and enjoyable Christmas season and are back hard at work getting ready for the many spring activities.

"CAROUSEL" in MARCH

An activity being re-activated the year on the Western campus is the presentation of a musical-dramatic production. Under a cooperative plan with the drama and art departments final preparations are being made to begin try-outs for the production selected for this season, Rodgers and Hammerstein's popular "CAROUSEL", to be presented in Van Meter Auditorium, March 18 and 19. Make your plans to return to the campus for what promises to be an elaborate presentation of this colorful work. Mr. Rose will handle the musical part of the production.

Send us some good solo voices for future productions!

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

After many years of study, planning and faculty committee meetings, the new music curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Music degree has been approved. The new degree will be awarded to several students this year who will be qualified to receive this professional degree. In addition to the revision of several music courses, two new courses are being offered. One is a Junior High School Methods Course, another is an Instrumental Techniques course devoted to marching band problems and instrumental repairs. We are most happy over this new curriculum which was set up to meet the specific needs of our graduates. The new curriculum was given its final blessing at the November meeting of NASM, and following a routine inspection in the spring, Western will be admitted to full membership as a active member of the association. We have been an associate member for nearly ten years. This program was initiated by the late Dr. Weldon Hart back in 1948.

MUSIC EDUC CLUB

The Western Music Educators Club is again enjoying another busy year with 24 active members. Two of the group, seniors Geraldine Webb and Francine Walker, took part in a student member panel along with Mr. Rose, the sponsor, at the recent state convention of KMEA at Lexington. At the December meeting of the club a constitution was adopted. It is hoped that several members of the club will be able to attend the SMEC convention in Roanoke, Virginia, in April.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The Bowling Green Community Concerts Association has undergone a complete reorganization this year with Dr. Stone as the new President of the association. The membership campaign was unusually successful and marks the second year that all Western students may attend the concerts on activity tickets. A popular dance program was presented the Tuesday before Thanksgiving by the TV company of Linn and Alexander and sixteen musicians and dancers. The Roger Wagner Chorale will be here January 25, Archer and Gile balladiers will appear February 24, and the young pianist, Stanley Babin, will present the fourth concert March 21.

NEW CONN ORGAN

After much investigation and listening, the music faculty selected the Artist Model of the Conn Electric Organ for installation in Van Meter Auditorium last spring. Mr. Rose presented a short concert on the new organ prior to the June baccalaureate service in the first public hearing of the new instrument. It is used at nearly every chapel exercise and for processions, musical productions, etc. The console is located in the left balcony over the stage, and there are two speaker cabinets each holding six speakers also located in the balcony. The installation is valued at over \$6,000. Thank you, President Thompson.

SPRING ACTIVITIES

The Symphonic Band, directed by Mr. Ed. Knob, will present its first concert of the season, February 19. The chorus will present its annual Holy Week concert at chapel on Wednesday, March 25. The choir will tour to the Louisville area sometime in March or early April. Music festivals are being combined this year into one festival as a regional division of the State festival. The festival for the school in this area will be held April 23-25. SMEC will convene at Roanoke, Virginia, April 3-7. In addition there will be a number of senior recitals and out-of-town programs to make for the usual busy spring season. Commencement is scheduled for June 4, and summer school will begin June 15. Pay us a visit!

WHO'S WHERE and WHY

Last Year's Grads:

Margaret Lyons is teaching music in her home town of Hardinsburg, Ky.

Jeanette Sallee (Mrs. Robert) is supervisor of music in the Carrollton schools.

Daphne McCord is in graduate school at FSU, Tallahassee, Florida.

Bobbe Long is enjoying her first year as music instructor at Munfordville.

Gordon Hendrix is teaching music in his home town, Warsaw, Ky., and driving school bus before and after school.

Macaulay Arthur is teaching music at Belfry High School in Eastern Kentucky.

Jerry Williams is teaching in the Nashville schools and wife, Marcia, is a graduate student at Peabody College using the Carnegie Fellowship awarded to her.

Beverly Harper is teaching music at Southern Jr. High in Owensboro.

Don Trivette is band director at Carisle, Ky., and was married to Joyce Furnish, Western senior, during the Christmas holidays.

Mary Ruth Compton is teaching music in her home town, Barlow, Ky.

Louis Gardner is teaching music in his home town school, Upton, Ky.

David Barker is band director at J. J. Kelly High School at Wise, Virginia.

George Mills is teaching music in Daviess Co. Schools, Owensboro.

Other Graduates and their doings:

Jerry Wetzel, '56, is married and directing the band at Leitchfield, Ky.

Bill Rideout, '55, is out of the service and starting an instrumental program at Henderson Co. High School, Henderson, Ky.

Joseph Hoggard (Gene to most of us), '51, and Phyllis Blakeman, '54, have moved into a brand new school at LaRue Co. H. S., Hodgenville, Ky.

Ann Duke Schirtzinger, Ex '54, and her husband have returned to Kentucky where Ann is teaching music at Horse Branch.

Wendell Coutts, '56, recently out of the service, is teaching music at several high schools in McLean County with headquarters at Livermore, Ky.

Charles Ball, '54, received his Master of Music degree in voice from Michigan

State and is head of music dept. at Lindsey Wilson Jr. College, Columbia, Ky.

Jim Littlefield, '51, moved into a new high school this fall at Macon, Ga.

David Livingston, '51, moved into a new high school this fall at Franklin Co., Frankfort, Ky.

Mrs. Margaret Cart, '36, returned to Daviess Co. H. S. this fall from her home town of Irvington to move into a new multi-million dollar high school.

Gene Lawton, '53, is the new Pres. of SKMEA. Wife, Helen, '44, is teaching third grade in the Simpson County system.

Joe and Carolyn Lippo, both '57, are located at Jacksonville, Florida, where Joe has a big band at Terry Parker H.S. and Carolyn is teaching in the grades. Joe is playing French Horn in the Jacksonville Symphony.

Jane Stewart Austin, '57, has a new baby daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born October 17, at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Address: 458 Clinton.

Dorothy Toppiller Hunley, '36, resigned her teaching position at Hartford, and is now busily engaged caring for her new son born in November.

Frank Long, '46, was on the Hill last summer. Frank is principal of a grade school at Premont, Texas.

Pat Mastroleo, Ex '57, was recognized on TV in the trumpet section of the U. S. Army band during a special broadcast from Arlington, Va., Nov. 11. Pat visited the campus during the Christmas Holidays in 1958.

Elmo Barry, '51, is teaching in Davidson Co. Schools in Tennessee.

K.V. ("Tennis") Bryant, '39, has forsaken (?) his many Kentucky friends and moved across the river to Mr. Vernon, Indiana, after 19 yrs at Princeton, Ky.

Owen McPeck, '51, made a quick exit from Cuba recently where he had been managing a hotel and resort.

Roy Twombly, '37, is back in Kentucky helping with the instrumental program in the Jefferson County schools. Welcome home, Roy!

Clarese Miller, '52, is selling Hammond organs in Los Angeles and keeping house for brother William who is a voice student at U. C. L. A.

Elaine Kelly, '57, took over Clarese Miller's piano studio here in Bowling Green and is busy teaching piano and working mornings at Helm Book & Record Shop.

Jack McCarty, '50, visits the campus nearly every Saturday doing graduate work towards the Master's degree. He directs band at Adair Co. H. S., Columbia, Ky.

Harold Phillips, '51, has given up teaching for more lucrative pursuits in the selling game. He is located at Pittsburg, Pa.

Charlie Sanders, Ex '56, was recently released from the army.

Howard ("Zeke") Nicar, '55, is back teaching in his home town H.S., Bristol, Tenn.

Billie ("Birdie") McCloud, '54, is teaching music at Virgie, Ky.

Ray Makeever, '48, brought his Ottawa, Ill., band through Ky. last summer and gave a concert in the Western stadium as a part of Western's summer commencement exercises. Ray and his band were on an international tour lasting about two weeks. Three members of the group liked our campus so well they returned as members of this year's freshman music class.

Edgar Minor, '51, presented his vocal ensemble, "The Charmettes", from Harlan H. S. on the Kiwanis International convention program in Chicago last summer as did Ray Makeever present his Ottawa, Ill. band on the same program.

Bill Link, '55, visited in Bowling Green during the Xmas holidays. After Feb. 1 Bill will be located at Seward air base working with new planes. He had just returned from nine eventful months spent in Japan and the Far East.

George Gillespie, '55, is teaching music in Peck, Michigan. Brrrr!

Betty Green Gardner, '57, writes that she and husband Roy, '58, and daughter are enjoying living in Owensboro where Roy is teaching biology in Daviess Co. H.S.

CODA

The above notes about grads and former music students were compiled from information gathered here and there. Help the Editor to make them more complete and newsy by sending us information about yourselves and your many activities. in the next issue. Don't be modest!

Best wishes, again, for a successful and Happy 1959.